

In The Claims

Please amend claim 35 without prejudice, and add new claims 36-38 as follows:

P2 35. (Amended) The pallet according to claim 31, wherein scuffing further includes scuffing [at least one] the inner surface of the first deck [and the second deck] in the fork-receiving region [regions].

P3 36. (New) A pallet having at least one deck member, the pallet prepared by a method comprising:

providing the at least one deck member having a first surface and a second surface; and

P3 mechanically scuffing at least one of the first and second surfaces of the deck member to define a slip-resistant surface thereon.

37. (New) The pallet of claim 36, wherein scuffing includes scuffing the at least one surface to create a multi-directional scuffing pattern.

38. (New) The pallet of claim 36, wherein scuffing includes brushing the at least one surface with at least one wire brush.

Remarks

Claims 22-38 are pending in this application. Claim 35 has been amended without prejudice, and new claims 36-38 have been added. The Examiner's review of the application is appreciated, and reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Rejection of claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1

The Examiner has rejected claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112(1). Applicants have amended claim 35 and believe the rejection has been overcome.